

Preparing Photo & Using Photograv

Import or scan your photo into Corel Draw. You may want to lighten or increase the contrast of your photo. You can do this by clicking on the Effects menu and then Color Adjustment--Brightness and Contrast. You can use the slider bar and the Preview button to brighten and contrast the photo. When you are done click OK.

Size the photo to the size that you will want to engrave it. Click on the Bitmap menu and then Resample. Change to inches and type in the vertical height at which you want to engrave the photo. Click OK and it will resize the photo proportionally.

If you are happy with the photo, click on the File menu and Export. Export the photo as a Windows BMP. It will then ask you Color and select Grayscale 8 bit. This is the format that Photograv will accept.

Start Photograv and click to start the program. Open the Image and select the correct directory where you exported the Grayscale 8 bit BMP file.

Next, select the material type that you are using. Then click Process Image. Photograv will automatically process the photo for that material. When it is finished, click on File--Save Engraved Image--and type in a name. Exit Photograv.

Go back to Corel Draw and Import the newly created bmp file from Photograv. Laser it either faster or with a little less power than you would normally use on that material.